

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Zachary Pickett, 2008 Valedictorian of Heritage High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Pickett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Heritage High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Pickett has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Zachary has earned an exemplary 4.32 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades, including recognition as a Student of Distinction, an Academic Achievement Award winner, and as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist; he also earned inclusion in Heritage High School's Who's Who; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Zachary has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Student Government, Scholars' Bowl School Board, National Honor Society, the Little River Journal, and the Cultural Diversity Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickett's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Maryville College, where he will study under the auspices of the school's Presidential Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Zachary's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Robert and Marilyn Pickett, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Heritage High School Valedictorian, Zachary Pickett, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.